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Check our NEW New England Jewish Labor Committee Events & Actions Calendar to see the most up to date list of events hosted or endorsed by the NE JLC. Click here to view.

Here's what's coming up this week:

- Monday, March 20: Women Workers Resist: Sophorn Yang Nation-Wide Tour Visits Boston
- Wednesday, March 22: Boston Teachers Union Rally for a Fair Contract Now
- **Thursday, March 23: New England Jewish Labor Committee 17th Annual Labor Seder**
- Friday, March 24-Sunday, March 26: Coalition of Immokalee Workers Return to Human Rights Tour

Details below.

Women Workers Resist: Sophorn Yang at Northeastern

WHEN: Monday, March 20 6-7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Northeastern University, 110 West Village H, 440 Huntington

Ave, Boston

Sophorn Yang will be speaking at Northeastern University as part of a nationwide tour on the struggle of women workers in Cambodia and the importance and urgency of organizing in this critical moment in history. Sophorn is the President of the Cambodian Alliance of Trade Unions (CATU), which represents around 10,000 members in 21 factories. Sophorn started working in garment factories at a young age and rose to become President of CATU at the age of thirty. As union president, Sophorn plays a leading role in national campaigns to win a fair wage and to protect workers' fundamental rights in the face of restrictive Cambodian trade union laws. As Cambodia's most prominent woman trade unionist, Sophorn has faced threats, intimidation and violence in retaliation for her activism. Despite all of this, she remains committed to her mission of bringing more women workers into union leadership, and to the leading the Cambodian worker movement to achieve a nationwide living wage.

This event is part of the Women Workers Resist! Tour, co-organized by the International Labor Rights Forum and United Students Against Sweatshops.

Boston Teachers Union Rally for a Fair Contract Now!

When: Wednesday, March 22 4:30-6:30 p.m.

(poster-making from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Boston Teachers Union, 180 Mt Vernon St, Dorchester)

Where: Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building 2300 Washington St, Boston

The Boston Teachers Union is fighting for a contract that ensures working conditions that support their most vulnerable students, reduces class sizes in schools with the highest needs, and provides paid family leave for all Boston Public School teachers.

Members of the BTU negotiating team have met 32 times in the last 14 months with little progress. Their contract expired in August, 2016.

To RSVP, please visit **www.btu.org/contractnow**.

LOGISTICS: Shuttle van service will be leaving the BTU office (*180 Mt Vernon St, Dorchester)* every 15-20 minutes from 3-7 p.m. There is parking at the BTU office.

Parking will be available at 12th Baptist Church's Warren Street lot (the large parking lot directly across the street from the church), about two blocks from the rally. Please do not block cars. The entrance to the large lot is on St James St./Regent Street (at the set of lights off Warren Street).

17th Annual Labor Seder!

When: Thursday, March 23 5-8:30 p.m. (5-6 p.m. is shmooze time)
Where: Temple Israel, 477 Longwood Avenue, Boston

The Jewish tradition obligates us to relive the Exodus and liberation story of Passover in every generation. The Labor Seder is a unique interfaith opportunity through which labor and Jewish community leaders and activists continue to build bridges.

Register for the Labor Seder today!

Join us in honoring Barbara Madeloni of the Massachusetts Teachers Union, Rabbi Margie Klein Ronkin of the Moishe Kavod House and ECCO, and the Harvard University Dining Services workers of UNITE HERE! Local 26.

Coalition of Immokalee Workers Return to Human Rights Tour

When: Friday, March 24 (evening) - Sunday, March 26 (morning)
Where: Pickups and drop-offs in Boston, Providence, and Amherst

Sign up to get on the Northeast Caravan and to get more information here.

Buses will be leaving from Amherst, Boston, and Providence to converge in Columbus, Ohio. There will be a 1-day conference on Saturday, March 25th followed by an inspiring action on Sunday, March 26th.

The NE JLC has been a proud supporter of the Coalition of Immokalee workers for years. The Coalition of Immokalee Workers is a worker-led human rights organization internationally recognized for its achievements in the fields of social responsibility, human trafficking, and gender-based violence at work.

The CIW has called a boycott against Wendy's for their continued disregard of farmworkers' human rights. Unlike all the other major fast food companies, Wendy's refuses to join the CIW's Fair Food Program, which increases farmworkers' wages and improves workplace safety.

The Return to Human Rights tour will be the CIW's largest protest action in their history as the CIW and their allies travel to Columbus, OH--the headquarters of Wendy's--during this year's spring action.

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Sign up here before Friday, March 17 to get on the bus!

We hope to see you at these events.

Sincerely yours,
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Join us by becoming a JLC member here.

Click here to register for the 17th Annual Labor Seder, March 23!

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